IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Crl. Misc. No. 2078-M of 2007

DATE OF DECISION : 23.02.2007

Sucha Singh alias Surjeet Singh

.... PETITIONER

Versus

State of Punjab

..... RESPONDENT

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

Present: Mr. H.S. Thiara, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. N.S. Gill, AAG, Punjab.

Petitioner Sucha Singh alias Surjeet Singh has filed this petition under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for the grant of regular bail in case FIR No. 17 dated 27.1.2005 under Sections 420/406 IPC and Section 24 of the Immigration Act, registered at Police Station Bholath, District Kapurthala.

I have heard counsel for the parties and gone through the contents of the FIR as well as the order dated 4.12.2006, passed by Additional Sessions Judge, Kapurthala, whereby bail application of the petitioner has been dismissed.

On 13.2.2007, the State Counsel had stated that on 15.2.2007, all the prosecution witnesses will be examined. Today, he has informed that on 15.2.2007, no witness could be examined, as the Presiding Officer was on leave.

In this case, the petitioner is in custody since 18.7.2006 and it has been alleged that an amount of Rs. 2 lacs was given to the petitioner in the year 1996, though FIR has been registered in the year 2005.

After hearing counsel for the parties, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner and he is, accordingly, ordered to be released on bail subject to his furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the trial court.

February 23, 2007 **(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)**
ndj **JUDGE**